

# Duvall News

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#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

As recent weather events have shown, winter does not appear to be done with us yet. Even as I write this article in late February, I am told that we are expecting a snow event. We may not see much of anything or we may see a snow storm. Either way the City is ready. We still have our trucks with the plows on them and we are set to spray deicer on the roads. Whenever inclement weather hits Duvall, I would encourage you to check out the website www.duvallwa.gov for updates on the roads, which ones are closed etc.

In February we finalized the expenditures and revenues for 2010 and the City did a great job of spending less than appropriated and we under estimated the revenues. We are fiscally stable as a result of our strong reserve policies. These policies protect our City from having to go into debt if there is an expense that we did not anticipate.

In addition to closing the books on 2010 we are reviewing the different applications we received for community grants. There were a number of organizations that submitted applications. Thank you for those that did. It looks like we have a great group of organizations supporting our community this year.

Finally, daylight savings is on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We need to turn our clocks forward an hour. We will lose an hour of sleep, but we will gain an hour of daylight!



Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### PUBLIC INTEREST NOTIFICATION: NPDES ANNUAL REPORT

The City of Duvall is completing its annual Stormwater Management Program summary report and would welcome comments. The draft 2010 report is at <a href="http://www.duvallwa.gov/departments/publicworks/npdes.html">http://www.duvallwa.gov/departments/publicworks/npdes.html</a> with printed versions for review at City Hall. Please provide any comments or suggestions to Boyd Benson at 425-788-3434 or boyd.benson@duvallwa.gov by March 30, 2011.

#### STUDENTS EDUCATE THE TEACHER

I have worked for the Duvall-Carnation Police Department for almost eight years and have met many great citizens from our wonderful community. For the last couple years or so I've been teaching a national self-defense program to some of this community's young women...future teachers, doctors, public servants, mothers and community leaders. However, I am a not only an instructor, I am also a student. Every time I teach a class I learn not only about the women and young girls of this community, but I learn a little more about myself.

I have the benefit of helping others become empowered and self-reliant, helping to give these women the confidence that they might have been lacking. I witness first-hand how much impact this training has on "my students" – training far beyond the hands-on self-defense techniques. The transformation they take from the beginning of the 12-hour class to the end is remarkable.

Our community is lucky to have the support of our City leaders in making this amazing program available. I thank City Management for that, but, more important, I thank my students for helping me to learn something new and wonderful with every class!



--Shelley Olson, R.A.D. Instructor



## OPENINGS ON THE DUVALL CULTURAL COMMISSION

he City of Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC) is responsible for creating and producing arts and cultural events, managing public art, and making Community Event Grant recommendations to the City Council. Current and past DCC programs include: SummerStage, Teen Summer-Stage, Heritage Festival, Duvall Art Walk, Duvall Lecture Series, Community Dance and more. Anyone with a love of the arts and community who lives within the Riverview School District is welcome to apply. The Duvall Cultural Commission specifically needs commissioners with the following interests and skills: non-profit finance/budgeting, visual art, public art, promotion & media, graphic art, writing, working with teens and children. Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays at from 6:30pm-8:30pm and regular attendance is required. Applications are online at www.duvallculture.org and will be reviewed beginning March 15, 2011, and open until all current positions are filled. Call DCC Chairperson Tony Schuler with any questions at 425-417-2784.

#### DUVALL SAFEWAY IS NOW SELLING GOOD TO GO! PASSES

uvall Safeway started selling the *Good To Go!* passes February 18<sup>th</sup>. They are available at all of the check stands. The passes are \$5.00 each plus tax. After you get your pass, you must go online to register it and open an account. Below are some excerpts from the *Good To Go!* website frequently asked questions (FAQ) page. Go to http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/GoodToGo/faq.htm to see the entire FAQ page.

#### How will drivers pay the all-electronic toll on 520?

WSDOT has developed a convenient system to pay all-electronic tolls on 520. There are three payment options:

- 1. Drivers with a *Good To Go!* Pass will have their toll automatically deducted from their prepaid account.
- 2. Drivers who prefer not to have a Pass can set up a **Pay By Plate** account. When crossing the bridge, a photo will be taken of the vehicle's license plate and tolls will be deducted from the corresponding prepaid *Good To Go!* account. There will likely be a \$.25 fee per transaction on top of the posted *Good To Go!* toll rate for using Pay By Plate.
- 3. Drivers who do not have any type of account can **Pay By Mail**. Within 72 hours of a trip across the bridge, drivers can call, go online, or go to a customer service center to pay the toll. If the driver does not initiate the payment, a bill will be sent in the mail to the registered owner of the vehicle. The owner will have up to 80 days to pay the toll before a Notice of Civil Penalty is issued.

#### How do I set up a Good To Go! account?

There are several sign-up options available for your convenience:

- Set up an account and purchase any of the five *Good To Go!* Pass options online at wsdot.wa.gov/goodtogo, then receive your Pass in the mail. This will require a credit card or bank account.
- Starting February 18<sup>th</sup>, you can purchase a Sticker Pass at participating Safeway stores throughout the region, and then activate your account by adding funds online or via phone. You may use cash, check, or credit card to purchase the Pass, but a credit card or bank account will be needed to activate the account online or over the phone.
- Visit a walk-in customer service center in Seattle's University District, downtown Bellevue or Gig Harbor to select any of the five *Good To Go!* Pass options and set up and activate an account using any payment option you choose, including electronic benefits transfer (EBT) or cash.

Stop by a mobile customer service center for convenient pass purchase and account set up in your neighborhood. These mobile centers will be in new locations each day, so watch for the schedule on www.goodtogo520.org.

You can contact *Good To Go!* via e-mail at goodtogo@wsdot.wa.gov or call them at 1-866-936-8246.

#### A RAKINI KARINI KARINI

CELEBRATE THE EMERALD ISLE - WEDNESDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>
Presented by the Duvall Cultural Commission

Pat O'Connor - Tour Guide and Co-author of *Rick Steves' Ireland*Travel Lecture and Slide Show

Lake Washington Technical College - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Duvall Campus-15321 Main Street NE



BOWI - Kickin' Celtic Music! Duvall Tavern - 8:30pm - 10:30pm 15807 Main Street



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.